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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Geologists
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Friday, December 14, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B, Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	February 8, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Blaier, President, Professional Member
Douglas Rambo, Secretary, Professional Member
William "Sandy" Schenck, Professional Member
Maureene LaFate, Public Member
Amos Aiken, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Amanda McAtee, Administrative Specialist II
Danny Stevenson, Deputy Attorney General

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Reinhold, Vice President, Professional Member
Patricia Ennis, Public Member

PUBLIC PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Blaier called the meeting to order at 10:19 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from the November 9, 2012 meeting. Mr. Amos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schenck, to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schenck commended Ms. McAtee on the November 9, 2012 minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to review at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Practice Under Licensed Supervision

Zachary Coppa

Changming He

Mr. Blaier reviewed the practice under licensed supervision letter written by A.S. Andres which stated that he would be supervising the work of Zachary Coppa and Changming He during the terms of their employment at the Delaware Geological Survey. The letter will remain on file at the Division of Professional Regulation.

Review of Continuing Education Approval Applications

Ram's Horn Educational, LLC.

Mr. Rambo summarized the application for the Board. Mr. Rambo stated that Ram's Horn Educational, LLC was requesting 4 CEU hours for the course, *Determining Hydraulic Conductivity While Low Flow Sampling*, and that he calculated 4 CEU hours. Mr. Rambo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schenck, to approve the continuing education approval application for the course, *Determining Hydraulic Conductivity While Low Flow Sampling*, for 4.0 CEU hours. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rambo summarized the application for the Board. Mr. Rambo stated that Ram's Horn Educational, LLC was requesting 4 CEU hours for the course, *Slug Test*, and that he calculated 4 CEU hours. Mr. Rambo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Amos, to approve the continuing education approval application for the course, *Slug Test*, for 4 CEU hours. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rambo summarized the application for the Board. Mr. Rambo stated that Ram's Horn Educational, LLC was requesting 4 CEU hours for the course, *Pneumatic Slug Testing*, and that he calculated 4 CEU hours. Mr. Rambo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schenck, to approve the continuing education approval application for the course, *Pneumatic Slug Testing*, for 4 CEU hours. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Application for Reciprocity

There were no applications for reciprocity for this meeting.

Review of Applications for Examination

Eva Lipiec

Mr. Blaier summarized the application for the Board. Mr. Blaier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schenck, to approve Eva Lipiec to sit for the FG exam. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. McAtee questioned the process of applying for approval to sit for the PG exam. Mr. Schenck explained that an applicant could apply to sit for the FG exam after graduation but could not apply to sit for the PG exam until at least five years of work experience had been acquired.

Donald Sorbell

Mr. Blaier summarized the application for the Board. Mr. Blaier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rambo, to approve the application of Donald Sorbello for licensure in the State of Delaware contingent on Mr. Sorbello passing both the FG and PG exams. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Audits

Mr. Blaier stated that audits had not been received from Raymond Duchaine, Jennifer L. O'Reilly, and Alex Smith. The audit letters were mailed out to licensees on October 22, 2012 and were due on November 30, 2012. Mr. Blaier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schenck, that Raymond Duchaine, Jennifer L. O'Reilly, and Alex Smith be sent a certified letter giving them until January 7, 2013 to comply with the audit or be submitted to the hearing officer for further action. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Blaier explained that the Board received a letter on November 5, 2012 from Alex Posner. In his letter Mr. Posner stated that he was returning his license and he stated that he would not be practicing in Delaware and that he renewed his license by mistake. Mr. Blaier provided the Board some historic information regarding this letter and stated that there was an individual from Arizona that wrote a similar letter stating that he made a mistake in renewing his license. He had then returned his license when he received an audit notice. The Board had issued a fine in that case because he had checked the box attesting that he had completed his continuing education credits.

Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rambo, to refer Mr. Posner's letter to the hearing officer for further review. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Amos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rambo, to approve the audits of the licensees listed below. The motion carried unanimously.

Avery, William Henry, III
Blaier, Scott C.
Bolakas, John F.
DiFilippo, Robert M.
Dunfield, George
Getchell, Frank A.J.
Hansen, Kevin
Lipson, David S.
Mello, Gilberto A.
Roscoe, Michael S.
Snyder, Gary W.
Sokol, Andrew J.
Stratman, Paul Gerard
Williams, Stephen N.
Wirtz, Christina A.
Yankaskas, Alex A.

Mr. Blaier stated that the Board found five licensees deficient in the continuing education audit information submitted.

Mr. Blaier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schenck, to send Brandon Ashby a certified letter stating that he did not meet the required continuing education credits for the audit and had not provided qualification of training hours taken. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Blaier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Amos, to send Stephen Baggett a certified letter stating that he must provide the Board with a course syllabus or agenda for the National Ground Water Association two day course that was taken September 10-11, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Blaier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rambo, to send Stephen DeMeo a certified letter stating that he claimed 32.5 CE hours of Presentations/Seminar CEs when the maximum amount that could be claimed in that CE category was 12 CEs. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Blaier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Amos, to send Joseph Hau a certified letter stating that only a maximum of 12 CE hours per renewal period could be obtained by attending professional meetings. Also, there was no evidence submitted that the MABE Annual Conference contained any geologic content. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Blaier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rambo, to send Kathleen O'Reilly a certified letter stating that Ms. O'Reilly must submit documentation for the ED 1301 spring 2011 course that was listed with the GEO 1401 fall 2011 course on her CE log. The motion carried unanimously.

Practice After License Expiration Statements

Ms. McAtee explained the current process for renewing a license after its expiration. The current process requires the licensee to submit a notarized statement stating that they did not practice during the period that their license was lapsed. Ms. McAtee asked the Board if the statements could be online or if they wanted to continue to receive the hard copy of the notarized forms. Mr. Schenck stated that the Board's intent was to have a licensee go before a notary to swear that they had not been practicing during the lapse of their license.

Review of Current Request for Approval of Continuing Education Activity Online Form

Mr. Rambo stated that the Rules and Regulations were recently changed to update the home-study terminology. The current continuing education activity request form still asked if the course was a home-study course. The form no longer reflects the Board's current Rules and Regulations. Ms. McAtee confirmed with the Board to change the wording from "home-study course" to "online webinar/course."

Question for the Board relating to a PE sealing Geology Technical Plans Relating to Sand

After discussion, the Board agreed that a letter should be sent that stated if the plan related to geologic properties of formation or correlation then a Geologist should seal the report.

ASBOG Summary Reports

The Board reviewed the materials that were received from ASBOG. Mr. Schenck encouraged the Board's professional members to continue their attendance of the ASBOG meetings and going forward the Board should always send two Board members to the ASBOG meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

Mr. Stevenson stated that he accepted another position and that this would be his last meeting with the Board as Deputy Attorney General. The Board thanked him for his service and wished him well in his new position.

WALL CERTIFICATES

There were no wall certificates to sign at this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this meeting.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Schenck made a motion, seconded by Mr. Amos, to adjourn the meeting at 11:40a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda McAtee – DE Board of Geologists
Administrative Specialist II

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.